

APPROVED 6-21-11

**Minutes
Mid-County Citizen's Advisory Board Meeting
May 17, 2011
Mid-County Regional Center - 2424 Reddie Drive, Wheaton, MD 20902**

<u>Members Present</u>	Eileen Cahill, L. Blaine Charak, Gregory Intoccia, Kieran McHargue, Steve Morrison, Mary Scholl, Gam Wijetunge, Ariel Winter
<u>Members Absent</u>	Teresa Bell, Robin Brannan, Marlyn Fergusson, Karla Fortunato, Ritija Gupta Stefan Lawson, Richard Newman
<u>Staff Present</u>	Natalie Cantor, Sue Koronowski
<u>Guests</u>	Taylor Kate Brown, Wheaton Patch, Tiffany Ward, County Council, Marc Elrich
<u>Call to Order</u>	Chair, L. Blaine Charak called the meeting to order at 7:00.
Council Report	Tiffany Ward reported that Council voted to approve the Costco tax abatement of \$2M for FY12 as promised by previous Council. She also reported that the final County budget will be voted by Council on May 26. CAB discussed the need to monitor Costco development as process goes forward.
<u>Director's Report</u>	<p>In addition to Director's written report, Natalie Cantor reported that there have been changes in the plans for the Regional Service Center structure over the past few weeks, each Regional Service Center will maintain a director and share minimal staff support, the Board will be responsible for meeting minutes and correspondence. Pepco sent a letter that beginning in June 2011 through 2012 they will be installing smart meters in each residence.</p> <p>A rally sponsored by GOCA against the removal of one of the left turn lanes from Georgia onto Norbeck will be held May 18.</p> <p>Bethesda CAB suggested joint RSC meeting on June 6.</p> <p>WUDAC took up the potential regulation of mobile food trucks and the issue of Roadside Solicitation.</p>
<u>Old Business</u>	<p>Steve requested that Council investigate the possibility of artificial turf being used in roadway medians.</p> <p>Mary Scholl stated that the role of Board members is to represent the concerns of fellow citizens and that appropriate protocol should be followed when issues arise. Chairman Charak reiterated that all communications on behalf of the Board should come through the Board or Regional staff.</p>
<u>Committees:</u>	<p>Wheaton Urban District: Natalie Cantor reported, above.</p> <p>Quality of Life: Gam Wijetunge, reported that the committee heard a presentation on "Healthy Montgomery" a new initiative of the County.</p> <p>Gam distributed the committee's draft letter requesting the County Executive provide and publicly post the survivability rates of cardiac arrest patients since the implementation of "Neuroprotective Hypothermia Protocol" for EMS patients treated by MCFRS. After discussion and revision the Board approved the letter to be sent.</p> <p>Land Use & Zoning/Transportation: Greg Intoccia reported on the difficulty of obtaining EZ Passes and the cost of obtaining one in Maryland. He called the ICC about these matters; the ICC didn't report any complaints being received. There have also been recent observations of congestion at Norwood and Layhill, Olney-</p>

Laytonsville and Muncaster and near the intersection of Georgia Ave near Glenmont Station. Committee will review again in the fall.

Liaison Reports:

Olney Town Center: Eileen Cahill reported Fair Hill Shopping Center opened, Safeway has been demolished and construction is underway, Olney Days coming up this weekend.

New Business:

Announcements:

The Mid-County Recreation Center is scheduled to open in June/July.

Meeting Adjourned

8:45 P.M.

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